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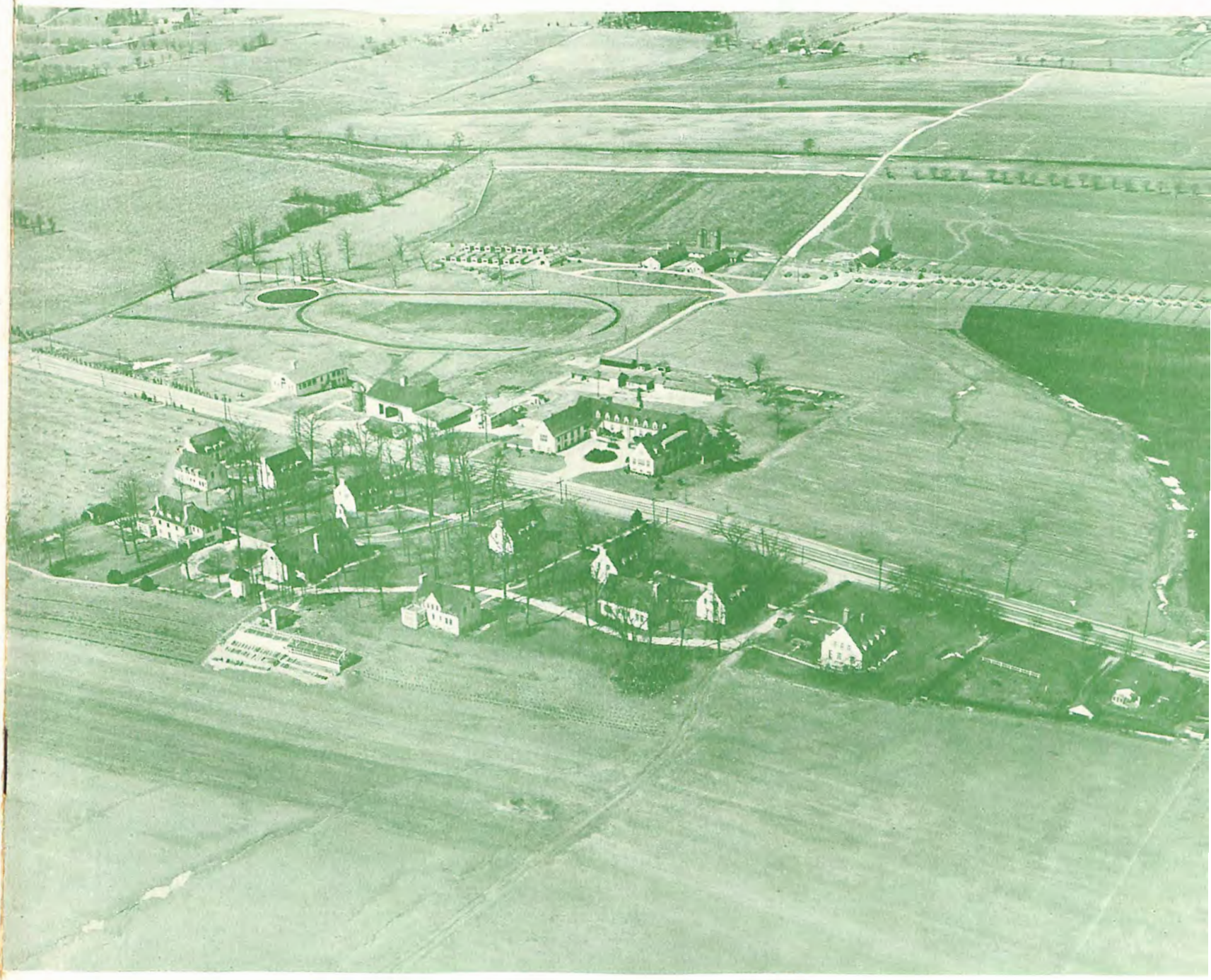

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WE NEED PREACHERS

The delightful old threadbare joke about what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina has led many to suppose that southern state executives are more interested in spirits than in the spiritual. This slander, if it needed refutation, has been completely demolished by a recent address of Governor Broughton of North Carolina to the ministers of Raleigh, in which there are two suggestions about preaching that should be passed on to all the clergy.

Speaking as a layman the Governor thinks that the rector of a church "has no business to run all over the parish house and appear at Sunday school classes on Sunday morning. Those last moments before the service should be spent in silence and prayer."

As to the sermon itself he advises the clergy not only to read great books but to refer to them and advise their people to read them. Above all, he thinks that the laity demand of the clergy intellectual and moral leadership.

All this sounds wise to us. But how can the rector spend the moments preceding a service in silence and prayer if the laity refuse to teach in Sunday School and force him to spend his time and energy doing what they should do for him? And how can any man become an intellectual or moral leader in a parish if his people do not give him enough money to buy new books or allow him time for study and prayer, but insist that he shall be gadding about all week to grace every secular meeting and adorn every banquet board, or spend his time raising money and conducting campaigns. A great English Bishop was worn out by the demands of dear, old ladies who, when they gave even a hassock to the parish church, had to have the bishop there to bless it. It is a wonder any American bishop ever keeps abreast of advancing knowledge when the clergy and laity demand that he attend this, that and the other meeting to glorify every little thing they have done or promote causes often remote from his work. It is absolutely unfair to our bishops and fatal to great leadership to make them mere hassock-blessers, and to force rectors to become errand-boys and table-servers.

If the Governor is right and the laity want more intellectual and moral leadership in the pulpit, it is the business of the laity to relieve the clergy of lay-tasks in order that they may apply themselves wholly to this one thing and draw all their cares and studies toward preparing themselves to be fit "Messengers, Watchmen and Stewards of the Lord," as the Prayer Book puts it in the office for the ordination of priests.

And as for the clergy, they should awaken to the fact that the time has come for a revival of preaching in America if the Church is to assume the moral leadership of the Nation. For how can moral leadership be asserted except by the voice of a prophet in the pulpit?

To take only one field of labor, who is going to provide moral leadership amid the alarming flood of sexual impurity that swirls so dangerously around our army camps? Who can speak out against that evil so forcefully as the man who stands in front of the altar in the Communion Service and solemnly declares, "God spake these words and said, Thou shalt not commit adultery." The world sadly needs "voices" now, the clear, ringing voices of those commissioned by the Church to speak for the most high God saying, "Thus saith the Lord."

We hope the Governor's advice will prevail and that we shall have better preaching in our churches. We have a beautiful service: it is a shame to mar its perfection with a sermon that is less than the best one can do. A poorly-prepared sermon in one of our Prayer Book services is like a clod of clay thrust in among a cluster of pearls. Yet a few of the clergy commit that sacrilege.

Does all this apply to our own Diocese? Are the clergy of Pennsylvania providing intellectual and moral leadership here where there is as much sin as anywhere else, whether in army camps or at naval bases? The answer is uncertain. We do have good preachers; there are at least nine of our clergy who are outstanding preachers—or would be anywhere else than in Philadelphia and its suburbs where their ability is not appreciated.

It is altogether likely that there is better preaching in the larger churches of this diocese than in New York or Boston. But if our clergy are speaking out it has not yet reached the newspapers. Now is the time for those who have prominent parishes to cry aloud in condemnation of conditions in Philadelphia, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has done in England, and to issue a call to chastity that every boy and girl in our city can hear.

As the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, the priest of Israel, so it comes to God's priests today, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." That is the kind of preaching we need now.

G. C.

EASTER DAY

The lapse of centuries cannot dim the brightness of the Resurrection morning. The gladness and joy and peace of that first Easter Day rests upon us now. "The Lord is risen indeed"—the dawn of humanity's new day has broken and we are no longer dwelling in the night. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Mary wended her way to the sepulchre in the darkest hour before the dawn. When the disciples dreaded to make the customary journey for fear of the Jews, this forgiven and restored penitent crept to the tomb in the black night. Dark it was in the garden and darker still in her heart, and in her was represented all the darkness of that hour. Hope died in the twelve when Calvary's cross was raised on high. Darkness was upon the face of the whole earth. Thick darkness enshrouded the followers of the Nazarene. Guilty darkness enfolded Judas and Pilate and the Priests and the mob and the soldiers in the hours when the sun hid itself from such infamy. And it was yet dark when Mary came and found her Lord.

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The May Church News Will Cover the Diocesan Convention — Delivery About May 12th

The Church News

OBJECT *1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.*

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The Bishop's Message—Good Friday—Easter

This paper will come to you in the most sacred and helpful season of the Christian year. We meditate upon Christ's fasting and temptation and then, in sympathy with Him, deny ourselves that we may have the same victory that He attained. We draw near to Him in retirement from the world, and by prayer, meditation, public worship and sacrament endeavor to partake of His divine nature. What a wonderful opportunity God has given us! We cannot let it pass. It is indeed "Jesus of Nazareth passing by" for He Himself has said, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." I am having printed for you "A Brother's Love," a copy of which I have had for many years and I hope each of you will read it now and re-read it in the early days of Holy Week. It made a profound impression on me and that impression has remained.

At the end of the month we celebrate the Queen of Feasts—Easter Day.

Tennyson has written:

My own dim life should teach me this
That life shall live for evermore
Else earth were hollow at the core
And dust and ashes all that is.

In the same poem he writes:

They that in barbarian burials
Slew the slave and killed the wife
Felt within themselves
The sacred yearning for the second life.

But when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, he set the seal of fact upon the yearnings and aspirations, since the world began.

THE RT. REV. FRANCIS M. TAITT, S.T.D.

I will repeat what I wrote you nine years ago: A great preacher once wrote a sermon on the remarkable phrase of St. Paul, "The Power of His Resurrection." He enumerated the wonderful results of the Resurrection of our Lord; how it gave Christianity with all its blessed fruits to Europe, how it furnished and always will furnish the dynamic of a new era, and how it brings to men the wonder and joy of the assurance that there are no dead, because though we shall all die, we shall never be dead. Then he quoted the beautiful Negro spiritual, "Who will be living when I am dead?" which has verse after verse on the brevity of life, such as—

Trees will be a-living when I am dead
Birds will be a-singing when I am dead.

Then comes the climax, with the joyous answer, "Who will be a-living when I am dead?" *I will, I will.*

Would not that make a great Easter Anthem?

Francis M. Taitt

A BROTHER'S LOVE

Why We Keep Good Friday, on Which Day the Lord of Glory on the Cross, for Us Laid Down His Life

Come, Hugh, it is a holiday;
The day is fair and cool;
Come fishing with us presently;
We'll go to Dingley Pool.

"Some six or seven of us have joined,
And we shall have such fun;
Make haste, and fetch your cap, my boy,
You'll catch us if you run."

But Hugh, a little lad of twelve,
Replied in accents slow,
To Frank and John, "No, thank you, boys,
Today I cannot go."

"Why not? It is a holiday—
I would not stay at home."
"I shall not stay at home," said Hugh,
"But still I cannot come."

"I cannot come, indeed, today;
I've something else to do;
You would not laugh so, Frank and John,
Or mock me if you knew."

He turned away with flushing cheek
And quickly moistened eye;
I followed him and gently asked:
"Hugh, will you tell me why?"

His earnest eyes one moment sought
My face, and he replied:
"I could not go a pleasuring
The day my brother died.

"'Twas some eight years ago he died—
He gave his life for me,
For I fell off the pier one day,
When we were by the sea.

"And he, sir—he was just eighteen;
He sprang into the wave,
He knew that it was dangerous,
But still he tried to save.

"He caught me safely, but his head
Had struck against a rock.
He lingered on awhile in pain
Then sank beneath the shock.

"And I was such a little lad
Then, I could hardly know
What he had done for me—
He always loved me so.

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Bishop Hart's Page

We are living in an era of great change. The economic and political upheavals are coming with such rapidity that men are bewildered. Never has the world had a keener sense of lostness. Literally we do not know where we are going. We have no guarantee that the next generation will live substantially as ours does. It is a decisive hour for the Church. The Church must speak with understanding and conviction about the meaning and purpose of man's existence. She must not be afraid to include what elements of truth there are in Fascism, Communism, National Socialism and other doctrines. But what is more important, she must be ready to suffer the consequences where her Gospel compels her to take a stand that is contrary to the state-imposed or generally accepted view. Only a Church that is prepared for martyrdom is worthy of Christian victory. Only a Church that is definitely going forward with the living Christ can give the world a sense of direction and restore it to sanity.

The primary aim of Forward in Service is to stimulate the Episcopal Church to bear a more effective Christian witness in this critical moment of the world's history. To understand Forward in Service, it is vitally necessary to recognize clearly that it has this definite, if somewhat limited, objective. We would have no difficulty if our task were merely to proclaim that the world is in a mess and that the only way out is one based on Christian principles. Few would deny that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. Most people would agree that there is need of a great spiritual revival in the world. *We face the real difficulty* when we try to take the next step and say, "What then about the Church? What definite part shall the Episcopal Church, more particularly our own Diocese, play in bringing about this revival?"

Canon Barry of Westminster wrote a book several years ago entitled, "The Relevance of Christianity." A friend said to him, after reading the book, "That book is all right but it leaves us quite up in the air. Now you should face the more difficult task and write a book on "The Relevance of the Church."

That is what Forward in Service is trying to do. We are assuming that the world is desperately in need of a more Christian spirit. We are addressing ourselves to the much more definite question, "What then shall the Episcopal Church do about it?"

Vestries and parish groups will find two recent books stimulating—"Which Way Ahead?" by W. R. Bowie, and "The Church in Disrepute," by B. I. Bell. Both of these authors are priests of our Church. The books are not the kind with which you will agree entirely, but they are provocative.

We are convinced that we must begin with the *parish*. The parish must be a fellowship of growing disciples. For that reason Forward in Service has been issuing small booklets of daily Bible readings and prayers. Seven steps in discipleship have been suggested: turn, follow, learn, pray, serve, worship, share. "Turning" is the critical point, remembering always that it is not from what we turn but to Whom. Unless the whole movement is based on a sincere desire to go forward with Christ, all our plans are of no value. If we think of Forward in Service as consisting only of reading booklets, we shall have missed its meaning altogether. The objective of Forward in Service is not pietistic but is one of *practical activity*. We seek a deeper understanding of what the Christian life essentially is, for the purpose of trying to live it regardless of the consequences. If we do not intend to change our way of living, the reading of pamphlets becomes "a mere spiritual luxury added to an already self-indulgent life."

Forward in Service

Forward in Service is convinced that the Church does not need any additional machinery. It may be less imaginative, but it is far more realistic to think of Forward in Service in terms of our own parish or our own selves.

One of the most encouraging signs of Forward in Service today is the evident desire on the part of a large number of our clergy to do better work. Here and there small groups are being formed for the purpose of holding its members up to a higher standard both in their personal life and in their official ministry. The Church needs a worthier leadership. I venture to say that there is not a clergyman in this Diocese who does not devoutly wish that his own work had better leadership than he is able to give it. There is no problem of more supreme importance than that of providing the Church with the ablest leadership possible during the next fifty years. We need not only the ablest men to study for the ministry, but we need to see to it that they have the most thorough and competent training.

There is also great hope in the fact that here and there throughout the Church laymen are realizing increasingly the necessity of giving some of their best thinking to the Church. Called by various names, there are being formed in certain parishes and dioceses groups whose main business is to try to think through the future of that parish or diocese. I know of one vestry in our Diocese which is undertaking to make an appraisal of the work that they are now doing and to propose the next definite step forward that they want to take. In some cases these plans are still in the "Church attendance" stage. Nevertheless, if the principle is carried out, it offers great hope for the future. Needless to say, this group should consist of the ablest and sincerest men and women available. It can never be emphasized too strongly that the best thinking of our ablest men and women is not good enough for our Lord's work. It is fair to say that there are parishes that are not ready yet for God to reveal what He wants

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DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 159th Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will open in the Church of The Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Monday afternoon, May 3rd, at 5 P. M. Supper for the deputies will be served in the Parish House, 217 S. 20th Street, at 6.30 P. M. The Diocesan Mass Meeting will be held in the Church at 8 P. M. Addresses will be made by Bishop Taitt and Bishop Hart. The clergy are requested to urge the members of their congregations to be present at the mass meeting.

The convention will reconvene at 9 A. M., Tuesday, May 4th, recessing at 1 o'clock for lunch and for voting. In order to expedite the order of business the Committee on Dispatch of Business suggests that all reports be made by "Title" where feasible. The Secretary of the convention must report concerning Parishes and Missions entitled to vote, which have not qualified.

One of the most important events to come before the convention is the Election of the Deputies to General Convention—clerical and lay. Each Parish should make sure it is entitled to vote. Article IV of the Constitution of the Diocese of Pennsylvania sets forth the qualifications.

ELECTION OF DEPUTIES

Since Easter is so late this year, it will be necessary for vestries that do not have a regular meeting before Easter Monday to call a special meeting to elect deputies to the Diocesan Convention, because the names of deputies must be sent in one week before convention.

RECTOR FOR HOLY APOSTLES

The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Rector of St. Matthew's, Wheeling, W. Va., has accepted the nomination and election as Rector of the Parish of Holy Apostles, with headquarters at the Chapel of the Mediator. The Rev. Mr. Bomberger is a native of Pennsylvania, his grandfather having been the first President of Ursinus College. The Rev. Mr. Bomberger was raised in Norristown and was a Sunday School scholar of Dr. Granville Taylor, the former Rector of Holy Apostles.

Mr. Bomberger received his B.A. at Ursinus and then attended Harvard. He received his B.D. at Virginia Theological Seminary in 1923. He served first in St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Virginia, and then was assistant at the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C. He became Rector of St. Matthew's, Wheeling, in 1927.

While in the Diocese of West Virginia he was elected to the Executive Board, was the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and for twelve years directed the Diocesan Summer Conference.

In 1923 he married Miss Anna L. Gottwals, also a native of Pennsylvania. They have two children, a boy and a girl. The girl is a student at Ursinus College.

The Rt. Rev. N. S. Thomas, late Bishop of Wyoming, was also Rector of St. Matthew's, Wheeling, before he was called to Holy Apostles.

It is expected that Mr. Bomberger will assume his new work as Rector of the Parish, with his headquarters at the Chapel of the Mediator, by the first of May.

RESERVE MAY 23, 4 P. M.

The Presentation Service of the Lenten Offering will be held at a great outdoor service on Sunday, May 23rd, at 4 P. M., on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy. Bishop Taitt and Bishop Hart will be in attendance and they will both make short addresses.

The Episcopal Academy can be reached easily by trolley and by bus, as well as by railroad and automobile. Ample seating capacity is being arranged for old and young alike. Further details of the service will be announced later.

ORDINATION

The Rev. John William Talbott, Deacon, was ordained to the Priesthood in the Bishop's Chapel, Church House, 202 South 19th Street, on March 17th, 1943, by Bishop Taitt. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Dean of the Convocation of Germantown and Rector of St. Alban's, Roxborough; and the Very Rev. Allen Evans, D.D., S.T.D., Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, presented Mr. Talbott. The Litany was read by the Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Talbott is in charge of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, and St. Andrew's, W. Manayunk.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Church House will be closed all day on Good Friday, April 23.

COMING EVENTS

St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.—A preaching mission will be held on Sunday, April 4th, at 11 A. M.; and the three succeeding evenings at 8.15 P. M., conducted by the Rev. Angus Dun, D.D., Dean of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass. He will preach on "Christian Values in a World at War."

Church of the Advocate.—On St. George's Day, which this year falls on Palm Sunday, April 18th, a special service will be held at 4.30 in the afternoon, attended by lodges of the Society of St. George, with a colorful procession. The Rev. John Stow, Chaplain in the Royal Navy, will preach; and the Rev. Charles N. Dubell, Rector of St. Simeon's Church, and Dr. Gladstone Hohn, of the Methodist Church, will participate in the service. Special music will be rendered by the Choir of the Advocate.

Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.—The Boys' Choir of the Crucifixion will give a program on the afternoon of May 2nd, under the auspices of St. Michael and All Angels, as arranged by the Rev. Thomas Logan, Vicar, in co-operation with the Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, Rector of the Church of the Saviour. The service will begin at 4 o'clock.

HERE AND THERE

The "vestry" of the Ascension, Rhawnhurst, have agreed to convert the church lawn into a "Victory Garden" for the duration. Plots have been assigned to all members interested, and a plowman has been engaged to prepare the ground.

Trinity Church, Buckingham; St. Philip's Chapel, New Hope; and Trinity Chapel, Solebury, are jointly holding services during Lent on Thursday evenings at Trinity Parish House. The general theme is: "The Christian Witness in a World at War."

At St. Matthew's, Francisville, the Rev. W. Ralston McKean is inviting each member to read and study during Lent, the handbook, "The Churches and a Just and Durable Peace."

The Three Hours' Service, at Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, on Good Friday, will incorporate Haydn's "The Passion," which will be sung by the choir.

WAR COMMISSION REPORTS

During the full nine months of the former War Commission's organization, from May 1, 1942, until January 1st of this year, the following work was done:

The names and addresses of four thousand one hundred and forty-eight men from two hundred and twenty-three parishes have been received and filed in the office of the War Commission.

Two thousand four hundred and ninety-two letters were issued with a message from Bishop Taitt with Church War Crosses enclosed.

Fourteen hundred and seventy-seven Crosses were distributed to individual rectors for the men in their parishes. Three thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine Church War Crosses have been sent out and two thousand four hundred and fifty-one Army and Navy Prayer Books.

Four thousand and twenty-eight Christmas letters were sent from the War Commission office for Bishop Taitt and Bishop Hart.

Miss Emma E. Brehm, of the Church of the Resurrection, volunteered for full-time service in establishing the office of the War Commission. She is entirely responsible for the excellent way in which the office has carried on in the face of innumerable limitations and handicaps. The revised Commission is delighted that Miss Brehm has stayed with the work and will continue to carry on the office at the Church House.

READY FOR ACTION

War Cross

The Service Center at St. Stephen's Church has been progressing under Mrs. P. Blair Lee, Chairman. The War Commission has appointed Mrs. Richard Van Hook, of Waco, Texas, as Executive Director.

Mrs. Lee is seeking donations for the equipment needed. She lists:

Library tables, card tables, other small tables, books, magazines, playing cards, games, and money for sundry items.

Volunteer workers are needed, but all who desire to help should first register at the War Commission office in the Church House, and then await their assignment as the activities at the Center develop.

PACK FOOD FOR PRISONERS

Under the direction of the American Red Cross, Mrs. Stacy B. Lloyd, assisted by Mrs. S. Leonard Kent, Jr., and Mrs. Henry H. Pease, on February 1st started the packing of boxes of concentrated food for allied prisoners. Seventy women every week-day, except Saturday, pack over 4000 boxes. The International Red Cross distributes them to Allied prisoners. Germany recognizes these boxes and permits them to be distributed in her prison camps. The factory is situated at 30th and Allegheny Avenue.

FORWARD IN SERVICE

The following is taken from the Presiding Bishop's Lenten Book, "Which Way Ahead," by the Rev. W. Russell Bowie:

"There is a kind of language about religious matters that sounds exaggerated, and so people do not take it seriously. It is rich in large words but thin in substance. Even phrases which are true enough if genuinely meant and incisively thought through may come to be nothing but an incantation. 'Forward in Service' may mean something real, or it may be only the patter of a publicity man's bright phrase. What, if anything, does it actually signify? 'Forward' where, and 'Forward' to what? It has a military sound about it, and so is calculated to stir by association the courageous loyalty which is exactly what is needed for the Church's spiritual fight. But it will stir real emotions, and keep them stirred, only if its own conception is genuine. Unless the 'service' the Church asks has some such drastic definiteness as the service which millions of young men at this moment accept in the world's armies, and which millions more men and women of all ages are rendering in war industries, and unless the 'forward' means actually aiming at something which ordinary people can see and understand, then the whole phrase turns hollow. The picture it presents thins out into something infantile—into a parade of children dressed up in paper caps, beating tin pans for drums, and marching around the block to arrive presently at exactly where they started from."

FOR THE BLIND

The Annual Week for the Blind at Gimbels opened auspiciously with Episcopal Day on Monday, March 22nd. Bishop Taitt made the principal address, and Mrs. Rene Ruegg, recipient of the Gimbel Award for 1943, and several others participated in the opening exercises in the auditorium. The Episcopal Committee, under Mrs. Henry H. Reichner, served with great efficiency a very fine lunch in the large room adjoining.

CREDIT

An unusual poster, in color, announcing the Lenten Noon-day Services at St. Stephen's, in co-operation with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was designed by Mr. Robert Newcomer.

CHURCH LEAGUE

The Church League for the Isolated will meet on Friday morning, April 16th, at 10.30 o'clock, in the Church House. The meeting is open to all who are interested.

WAR COMMISSION PROMOTES CAMPAIGN

Two hundred and forty laymen and women and clergy of the Diocese gathered in the North Garden of the Bellevue-Stratford for luncheon on Tuesday, March 9th, to hear Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, of Massachuetts, Chairman of the Army and Navy Commission of the Church.

Bishop Hart asked the representatives of the parishes to bend every effort to make the appeal for support of the War Commission a grand success. He called upon them to remain ready to help the Diocesan Commission whenever they would be needed.

Canon Robert D. Smith, of the Diocese of New Jersey, made a very moving address on the work that is being done in the army posts and centers established in our neighboring Diocese.

In a most comprehensive report Bishop Sherrill told the story of the Army and Navy Commission. He said, "We have 253 Chaplains in the Army, 68 more than our quota. We have 89 Chaplains in the Navy, 58 more than our quota, and many applicants awaiting call."

Mr. Lewis N. Lukens, Jr. Executive Vice-Chairman of the War Commission, presided at the luncheon. He explained that the Commission's objective this year was fifty thousand dollars, sixty percent of which will go to support the work Bishop Sherrill is responsible for under the National Church, and the remaining forty percent will be used in the Diocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Easter Pageants

Pageants can make vivid the great message of Easter. Many people can learn through dramatic presentation what they find it difficult to grasp from sermons and other types of teaching. Two pageants suitable for production in the Church and written by our clergy are "The Risen Lord" by the Rev. Walter Russell Bowie (30c) and "The Power of the Resurrection" by the Rev. Gardiner M. Day (25c). Both use a reader rather than speaking parts. "The Risen Lord" is the simpler of the two, though with this type of pageant one can elaborate or simplify according to the setting and group available. Mr. Day in his introduction says that in pageants of this sort special attention to a few things make a great deal of difference to the beauty and effect. One is the lighting which should be carefully planned. Another is an organist who can improvise on the organ in such a way as to convey the varying moods of the pageant; and, most important, that the actors be "Filled with the spirit of the pageant and feel that they are a 'Corporate Minister' consecrated with the desire to inspire the congregation with the thrilling power of the Resurrection."

The Lenten Offering

The boys and girls of the Diocese are hard at work raising their Lenten Offering. Bishop Taitt's letter to them, written the beginning of Lent, told how proud he was of the large offering the children of this Diocese gave and how he hoped in this, his last year as Bishop, they would present the largest offering of all at the Presentation, May 23rd.

Ways and Means

Following out the mission study topic for this year St. Mary's, Ardmore, and the Church of the Covenant had very successful Latin American Fiestas just before Lent began. Friday afternoons in Lent the boys and girls of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, are coming an hour before the Lenten Service to a Latin American workshop where they will make things for a fiesta they will hold after Easter. Some schools have seen the National Council Movies of our Church's work in Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Mexico and Cuba. There will have been over 63 showings of these films to all kinds of parish groups by the time the last film leaves the Diocese on the 15th of April. Through the generosity of Mr. Roland Lindsay of the Church of the Redemption and Mr. Paul Moore, of the Church of the Saviour, parishes unable to secure a projector or operator were able to show the movies.

March 7th at St. Stephen's

The Diocesan Youth Service was an unique event. Over 500 young people and their friends gathered at St. Stephen's on the afternoon of March 7th and, through a dramatic service of worship, thought and prayed about the "World We Seek." Bishop Hart, seven clergy and over 100 young people took part in the service, which was prepared by the Youth Commission. They took the Youth Litany for World Peace and prefaced each section with quotations from great leaders of the Church and state in the world today, and appropriate selections from the Bible. Copies of the service are available at the Church House and could be used by any parish.

Vacation Plans

The Vacation Church School Committee is looking ahead and planning for an increase in the number of Vacation Schools held this year. It urges that plans be made now as leadership must be found and trained, necessary equipment and supplies rounded up, and funds raised. An Institute for the training of leaders, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Council of Christian Education, will be held six Saturday mornings, May 15th to June 19th. The diocesan committee is also ready to give help and advice for those who have the task of planning for or teaching in a Vacation School.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

BISHOP TAITT		BISHOP HART	
April 4th—Fourth Sunday in Lent			
A. M.	Elkins Park—St. Paul	A. M.	Phila.—Resurrection
P. M.	Phila.—St. Stephen, Bridesburg		
Evg.	Phila.—Grace, Mt. Airy	Evg.	Phila—St. Simon Cyrenian
April 7th—Wednesday			
Evg.	Valley Forge—Washington Mem. Chapel		
April 11th—Fifth Sunday in Lent			
A. M.	Jenkintown—Our Saviour	A. M.	Phila.—St. Stephen
P. M.	Paoli—Good Samaritan	P. M.	Phila.—St. James the Less
		Evg.	Phila.—St. Simeon
April 16th—Friday			
		Evg.	Phila.—Holy Comforter
April 17th—Saturday			
P. M.	Wayne—St. Mary		
April 18th—Palm Sunday			
A. M.	Ridley Park—Christ	9:30 A. M.	Phila.—Calvary, No. Liberties
P. M.	Essington—St. John	11:00 A. M.	Phila.—St. Peter
Evg.	Prospect Park—St. James	P. M.	Phila.—Holy Trinity Chapel
April 22nd—Maundy Thursday			
Evg.	Cynwyd—St. John	Evg.	Phila.—St. Paul, Overbrook
April 24th—Easter Eve			
		P. M.	Phila.—St. Mark
April 25th—Easter Day			
A. M.	Highland Park—Holy Sacrament	A. M.	Phila.—Christ
P. M.	Morton—Atonement	3:00 P. M.	Phila.—Gloria Dei
Evg.	Manoa—St. Peter	6:00 P. M.	Phila.—St. Monica
May 2nd—First Sunday after Easter			
A. M.	Germantown—Good Shepherd	A. M.	Phila.—Redemption
P. M.	Drexel Hill—Incarnation	P. M.	Phila.—Holy Spirit
Evg.	Darby—All Saints	Evg.	Phila.—Transfiguration
May 6th—Thursday			
P. M.	Valley Forge Military Academy		
May 9th—Second Sunday after Easter			
A. M.	Doylestown—St. Paul	A. M.	Phila.—St. James
	Hatboro—**Advent**		
Evg.	Chester—St. Mary	Evg.	Phila.—Covenant
May 16th—Third Sunday after Easter			
A. M.	Lansdowne—St. John	A. M.	Langhorne—St. James
P. M.	Springfield—Redeemer	P. M.	Buckingham—Trinity
Evg.	Swarthmore—Trinity	Evg.	Hulmeville—Grace
May 23rd—Fourth Sunday after Easter			
A. M.	Bryn Mawr—Redeemer	A. M.	Parkesburg—Ascension
			Coatesville—St. Cyril
			Coatesville—Trinity
May 30th—Fifth Sunday after Easter			
9:30 A. M.	Concord—St. John		
11:00 A. M.	West Whiteland—St. Paul		
Evg.	Rockdale—Calvary		

A HAPPY OCCASION

On the afternoon of March 8th the combined Boards of the House of the Holy Child and St. Michael and All Angels had a meeting and tea at 311 S. Juniper Street, for the foster parents of the children in their care. Mrs. Arthur Crosby presided and Dr. Bagnall offered the opening prayer. Mr. George Dallas gave the history of the House of the Holy Child; and Mrs. Edward Ingersoll that of the House of St. Michael and All Angels. Mr. Ernest Scott told of the merger of the two institutions. The Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton recounted some personal experiences. Miss Watson and Mrs. Turner, foster mothers, and a foster father, Rev. Mr. Hymes, each gave personal experiences with the children placed under their care. Mrs. Craig Atmore expressed the Boards' great appreciation of the oversight given the children. The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, rector of Christ Church, closed the meeting with a very beautiful address emphasizing the spiritual value of foster care.

HOSPITAL GARDEN

Many men at the Harrison Home are still able to work, at least in a flower garden. Will those who read this kindly send to the undersigned, care of The Episcopal Hospital, marked for Harrison Home, seeds—seedlings—and any garden furniture you can spare, in order to brighten the coming months for these aged men and women?

MRS. J. HECTOR MCNEAL,
Care of The Episcopal Hospital.

A REAL BENEFIT

The Germantown Trust Company, as trustee of the estate of the late Elizabeth B. Jefferies, has been awarded $254,168 by an Orphans' Court schedule of distribution, the income therefrom to be used for the maintenance of old or infirm clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church and their wives.

Mrs. Jefferies, who lived at 139 Tulpehocken Street, Germantown, died in 1914. She left her residuary estate, after the death of a niece, Mary C. Ihling, for the establishment of a home for clergymen and their wives at that address.

The Orphans' Court recently approved a petition by Bishop Taitt, Thomas S. Gates and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, for authority to use the fund directly for the assistance of the intended beneficiaries.

CHURCH CLUB AT S. C. I.

The April meeting of the Church Club will be held on Friday the 16th, at the Seamen's Church Institute, 211 Walnut Street. Supper will be served in the restaurant at 6.30 o'clock, and a special program will follow in the auditorium of the Institute. There will be motion pictures of the U. S. Merchant Marine in war time and an address by the Rev. LeRoy D. Lawson, Chaplain at the Maritime Service Training Base at Hoffman Island, New York.

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them to do. Some do not expect anything to happen. Perhaps some don't want anything to happen. In that case the Holy Spirit of God is blocked and there can be no possible forward steps. But if a group of the ablest men and women are willing to use their imagination and do good hard thinking and careful planning, they will be endued with power from on High and great things will come to pass.

Some people are criticising Forward in Service because we have not succeeded in reaching our objective. Some are saying that Forward in Service has passed its peak. It would be more true to say that in many places it has not yet really started. The Duke of Wellington was once asked if he thought that the British soldier was braver than the soldier of other nations. He replied, "No, but I do think that he is braver five minutes longer." Therein lies the success or failure of the Church. We are not concerned primarily with whether or not the literature published by the Forward in Service Commission will continue to be read as extensively as it is at the present. We are concerned with whether or not the Episcopal Church plays a worthy part in what the Christian Church as a whole must do to Christianize the world. The task is too great for our mental ability and for our present spiritual resources. But if we will fill the Church with obedience, we shall learn again that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Oliver J. Hart

Bishop Coadjutor.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Successful Project for China

The success of the effort on behalf of the United China Relief far exceeded the wildest expectations. At this writing, over $1270 is on hand, and more will probably come in. This generous gift to a great cause is one phase of a many sided experience, from which lessons in group work can be drawn. The appeal was backed up by colorful publicity; each Branch raised its gift as it saw fit; definite suggestions especially suited for the Juniors were given by the Committee (the baby Pandas made from black and white oilcloth were sold by practically every Junior group for seven or ten cents, "enough to feed a Chinese child for one day"); the Presentation on February 27th drew a record-breaking crowd of more than 300, which taxed the large hall of Christ Church Neighborhood House; above all, the membership, from small children to leaders, by the effort itself, thought in terms of international friendship and a happier world.

It is interesting to note, also, how widespread was the co-operation with other groups, both our own and those of other denominations. Among the decorations were gorgeous Mandarin coats loaned by Mrs. George Woodward and Mrs. William B. Read; old and very valuable Chinese manuscripts, carvings, etc., displayed by the Women's Board of Missions of the Lutheran Church; posters from the Methodist Women's Missionary Society, scrolls and panels given to Miss Margaret Marston, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary when she visited China. Chinese jewelry and goods on sale were contributed to the general fund. To one and *all,* the G. F. S. says: *Thank you!*

Annual Gatherings

The time for Annual Services draws near. The Juniors led off with their service at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel on Saturday afternoon, March 20th, at half-past two. Rev. Edmund B. Wood, rector of St. Timothy's, Roxborough, was the preacher. The usual Contest for Juniors, sponsored by the Senior Members' Club, was climaxed by announcement of the winners and display of the entries in the Parish House, following this service.

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The Woman's Point of View

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY LETTER

Everyone will be glad to know that Mrs. Packard is feeling better, and is looking forward to resuming her duties before long. We have all missed her very much and will be glad to have her back again.

Under the leadership of Mrs. George A. Trowbridge, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary has embarked upon a far-seeing program of the study of pertinent questions confronting church and government today. As a part of the problem of minority groups the Department's January and February meetings were given to the consideration of the Negro, his accomplishments, his opportunities. There was a very large attendance at both of these meetings and the programs were excellent. On February 19th resolutions were unanimously adopted. They are printed under the Department's report, read them carefully. As members of the Church we must act on Christian principles, and ask that equal opportunity for education and employment be given the Negro without segregation or discrimination.

The National Council has been making a study of the Negro question, and it is interesting that following the adoption of the resolutions by our Department of Christian Social Relations, the resolutions of the National Council were sent to Mrs. Trowbridge. They provide that there shall be a Secretary for Negro Work on the Council chosen from the ranks of the Negro race. And at the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, held on March 2nd, a motion was made and carried that the nominating committees of the Auxiliary be instructed in the future to select nominees on a basis of fitness for the office with no discrimination of race.

We are all thinking in terms of a new world order these days. We read and talk much of the rights of small nations. Let us remember that we in the United States have our minority groups—the Indian, whose lands we took from him; the Negro, whom we brought here; and what about the Jew? Do these people share equally with all citizens the privileges and opportunities of citizenship?

"Have you ever thought that the war is much less the attack of dictatorships upon democracy than the attack of paganism upon Christianity?" asks the writer of the last Forward Movement booklet. He goes on to say: "Life is itself the great evangelizer. Its battles, its sorrows, its perplexities and confusion drive us to seek God as the answer. When we find Him, can we do less than share Him?"

There is chaos in the world today and Christians must face it. We have a great task, challenging and inescapable. We must "go forward in service" and evangelize, our Presiding Bishop tells us. We must be "witnesses to the Power of God," was the charge of our own Triennial!

"Beware lest slothful to fulfill
thy mission,
Thou lost one jewel that
should deck His crown."

This is indeed a total war and while our men are fighting to establish a new world order among the nations of the world, we must engage in a total war at home, war in every area of our lives. "How are you preparing for his return? You must not let him down!" Thus did an Army Chaplain write a woman recently, referring to her husband. I think it was Bishop Hobson who warned against a dualistic way of thinking and living. The religious and the secular should not follow divergent but convergent lines; one should be the expression of the other, of course. What better time than mid-Lent to give serious consideration to the motive and purpose and plan of one's life!

May a glad and glorious Easter be yours!

ELLEN FRAZIER TILDEN,
Vice-President.

War Service Committee

The Navy Yard Chapel Fund is increasing daily. There is sufficient to pay for the baldachino and frontal for the altar. The interest in this project has been so enthusiastic the cross, candlesticks, and vases have been ordered also, and it is expected that a set of linens can be furnished.

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JUNIOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Plans are surging forward for the Junior Auxiliary Annual Dinner to be held on May 12th at 6.15 P. M. The Right Reverend Oliver J. Hart, Bishop Coadjutor, will be guest speaker, and Mrs. Hart will be an honored guest also. The annual reports will be read and a Christian Social Relations Chairman and a Treasurer will be elected. Present officers are Mrs. Frank Knapp, from the Church of the Savior, and Miss Eva Young from Calvary, Germantown, respectively. Parishes are urged to submit nominations.

There will be a sectional meeting at St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights. Young women from the Chester Convocation are to be invited and the Executive Board will attend at 8 P. M., Tuesday, April 27th.

An interesting panel discussion was presented at Prince of Peace Chapel on March 22nd. Their guest was Elizabeth Yarofh, a member of the International Fellowship House.

Several Junior Auxiliaries have had "Trios for Unity" on their programs. The trio consists of a white person, a Jew, and a Negro from the Inter-Racial Fellowship House, 1431 Brown Street. The Executive Board recommends this program on the "Racial Question," which is one of the "Forward in Service" topics.

The "Pie Plates" have brought in five dollars, which will be donated to the new Chapel at the Navy Yard.

St. John's, Cynwyd

The Junior Auxiliary of St. John's visited the Children's Ward of the Episcopal Hospital in February and gave a Valentine party for the children. Stories were told to one group of children, while other children were entertained with Victrola records. The children put heart-shaped puzzles together, and one member of the Auxiliary played mailman and passed a large red heart of Valentines to each child. Everyone received a scrap book and the group then served supper to the children.

Church of the Atonement

A new and grand idea has come from the efforts of this Auxiliary.

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Memorials in Some of the Parishes

A MEMORIAL PLAN

How memorial gifts have helped the work of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, in the past three years is described herein for the information of the Diocese:

The Rector of St. Timothy's was not presenting an altogether new idea in 1939, the 80th anniversary of the parish, when he established through the Vestry and the Board of Trustees, the fund that has had his name attached to it, the Edmund B. Wood Endowment Fund. The idea came to the Rector of the parish when serving as Rector of St. Mark's, Clark Mills, New York, Diocese of Central New York. Bishop Fiske invited the clergy and their vestries to a meeting in Utica, New York, where Dr. Atwater, then Rector of St. Ann's Parish, Brooklyn, New York, presented the plan he had followed in Akron, Ohio, to build up a cumulative endowment fund for his parish in that city.

Two facts guided Dr. Atwater in forming his plan. One, a cold, hard-headed business fact, namely, that the average parish church if it happens to be necessary to move its work to some other neighborhood, usually has a very large sum of money tied up in assets that can never be moved, such as stained glass windows and other expensive parts in the fabric of the church building itself.

Number two, that when you say to the average person, "Would you be interested in giving a memorial for the church?" they naturally feel that only something expensive would be acceptable.

Dr. Atwater's plan and that which we have followed at St. Timothy's in part, is the same. The two points about it that are somewhat new and certainly practical in regard to memorials, are these: In the first place, a person of very modest means who desires to commemorate a beloved member of the family or friend, can do so by means of a cumulative endowment fund in which small gifts are welcome. Our plan has nothing in the nature of a pledged form of giving at stated intervals. It is cumulative in the sense that one may add small sums from time to time to the account in the fund standing in the name of the contributor and for continuing work in the parish in the name of the person whom the contributor wishes remembered.

As to the working out of this plan, it is interesting to see that from 1939 through 1942, in small amounts, this fund at St. Timothy's has reduced the mortgage on the rectory by $6,000. The greater part of this amount has been given to the fund in pennies. On St. Timothy's Day, 1943, forty-two persons had arrived at the amount necessary to become a permanent member of the fund by saving and contributing $25 apiece in pennies. Once a year, the names of the people commemorated in this fund who have departed this life, are remembered at the parish altar. This is done on the Sunday nearest St. Timothy's Day, the patronal feast. It is interesting to note in the year 194. over $3,000 was contributed as memorial gifts to this fund.

The cumulative nature of the fund management appears in the fact that after the gifts have completed the remaining $8,000 of mortgage, the work may then continue and be added to the Parish Endowment Fund for continuing the work of the parish.

As a practical comment on the operation of the fund, it needs to be stated most emphatically that its success depends very much on the interest and very faithful work of the men and women who make the regular collections for the fund. These collections are in the form of some 60 boxes marked "Penny a Meal" and distributed to that many persons in the parish every month.

A pamphlet describing this plan can be obtained of the Rector, Rev. Edmund B. Wood, 5720 Ridge Ave.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL

The vestry of the Chapel of the Mediator have submitted a plan to the people of that Parish for a very worthy memorial to the Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D.

In a recent leaflet this proposal is set forth:

In the spring of 1942 Dr. Taylor conceived the idea of erecting a cloister, harmonizing architecturally with the Church, from the door of the Prayer Chapel to the front entrance of the Parish House, thus forbidding access to the Church Yard when the Parish House is closed, and also providing a convenient and sheltered communication between the east end of the Church and the Parish House, which had long been needed. With characteristic enthusiasm, Dr. Taylor had sketches drawn visualizing his idea, but with wartime conditions prevailing, it seemed wise to postpone further consideration of the matter.

Many times since Dr. Taylor's death, the suggestion has been made that a fitting memorial be placed in the Church, symbolizing the affection and esteem of a grateful congregation for a beloved pastor who had served them faithfully for twenty years.

Your Vestry has been giving careful consideration to this suggestion and has endeavored to draw up such plans as would provide for a memorial commensurate with the stature of Dr. Taylor's life; likewise, one that could be considered a useful, as well as a beautiful, addition to our Church property.

Your Vestry feels that the accumulation of a **Granville Taylor Memorial Fund, invested for the present in War Savings Bonds,** to provide for the erection of the Cloister would afford many people an opportunity of expressing in a practical way their appreciation of the life and example of Granville Taylor—friend, pastor, and faithful servant of Christ.

AT CALVARY-CONSHOHOCKEN

At the annual meeting of the Parish, held January 27th, it was voted to raise funds for two memorials to members of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, of which the Rev. Stanley R. West is Rector. A wall tablet is to commemorate Reese P. Davis, who served for 54 years as a member of the vestry up to the time of his death in June, 1942, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for 40 years.

A Processional Cross will be the memorial to Margaret McFarland Lukens, who organized the Girls' Friendly Society of the Parish, and headed it for 30 years; and was National President of the Girls' Friendly for six years. She died November 1, 1941.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ALBAN

An entire set of beautiful stained glass windows have been given recently as memorials to the Church of St. Alban, Roxborough. They are being designed and made by the Balano Studios in Philadelphia. Some are already in place and the balance are expected to be installed this spring.

The windows in the nave depict the events in the life of Christ and are in memory of the Very Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, D.D., the father of the Rector of St. Alban; Mr. Joseph K. Dungan, Mrs. Caley's father; Mr. Harry H. Sykes, a former vestryman; Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Edmunds, formerly President of the Board of Education of Philadelphia; and the Rev. and Mrs. Charles S. Lyons, a former Rector of the Parish.

The two windows in the Sanctuary are memorials to Miss Jennie Schofield, and deceased members of the Sewing Guild.

AT ZION CHURCH

Flood lights for the Sanctuary were recently installed in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Van Tassell, by her daughters, Mrs. Edward Opy and Mrs. David McQueen.

Also, a Litany Desk, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Borbeck, by their daughter, Mrs. John Wiley, is being presented to Zion Church, the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, Rector.

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Center opened the dormitory had bare floors due to insufficient funds. A balance in the War Service Committee account, which was contributed during the stay of the 76th Coast Artillery in Philadelphia, enabled the purchase of forty-eight small rag rugs for the Center. They were received with deep gratitude.

Bags for Fort Dix are still needed. Also games and playing cards for the South Broad Street U. S. O.

Foreign Committee

At the March meeting of the Foreign Committee, Bishop S. Harrington Littell gave a vivid account of the attack on Pearl Habor, of which he was an eye witness, and of the subsequent splendid work of the Church in Hawaii.

Mrs. Naudain Duer pointed out to members of the Foreign Committee the wonderful opportunity of continuing their interest in Foreign Missions through contacts at the International House, University of Pennsylvania. The host and hostess of the House are always delighted to welcome anyone there.

Mrs. James H. Lloyd, missionary home from Japan, spoke with great feeling for the many real Japanese Christians, in spite of the fact that there were never as many missionaries sent to Japan as to other countries. In 1937 these Christian Japanese held such a wonderful meeting that a witness said, if war did not come for two years there would be a magnificent wave of Christianity throughout Japan. War came in two months. Their voice and the voice of the people could never be heard for long because the military negotiated in such a manner as to quickly silence them all.

The April meeting, as it falls in Holy Week, will be devotional in character, and led by the Rev. Benjamin R. Priest, of St. James's, Philadelphia.

Social Relations

The following resolutions were adopted by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary at its meeting on February 19, 1943:

RESOLVED: That the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, affirms its belief in the sacredness of all human personality and that all persons as members of the family of GOD should have equality of opportunity in every aspect of life without regard to race, class or religion.

RESOLVED: That this Department condemn the caste system of segregation of the Negro found almost everywhere in this country in varying degrees, as un-Christian, undemocratic and inimical to social justice and kindly race relations. Bi-racial, compulsory segregation has not and cannot produce equality of opportunity between the races, so long as human nature is in its present stage of development; the strong under it always victimize the weak. The law of the jungle can never be the law of Christian society. All the more strongly do we condemn this practice of racial compulsory segregation in view of the remarkable progress of the Negro, against great odds, in every phase of life, since his emancipation;—an advancement which demonstrates clearly his fitness for every privilege of full citizenship in our country.

RESOLVED: That this Department do all in its power to remove all discrimination against the employment of Negroes in war work and in private industry, in business, stores and shops; and all other work—in any and all capacities for which they may be qualified. In furtherance of the above, *RESOLVED:* That this Department encourage all Christian people to urge by letter and personal interviews, employers, unions and the officials of government war work to employ Negroes on the same basis as other citizens. Especially is this asked where those advocating this have accounts, do business or have influence.

RESOLVED: That this Department urge hotel, restaurants, places of public service and amusement—such as theatres and restaurants, schools and colleges to receive Negroes on a like basis with other citizens, without discrimination or segregation.

RESOLVED: That the Church, if she is to count towards a better post-war world, must have the courage now to act on Christian principles and not compromise with race prejudice; and that, therefore, in the National Church and in our Diocese, full use be made of the gifts of leadership among those Negroes whose training, accomplishments, ability and character make manifest their fitness—without discrimination or segregation.

RESOLVED: Finally; that the hospitals and schools of the Diocese be moved, to the utmost ability of this Department, to accept Negroes for training as nurses and internes on the part of hospitals; or as students on the part of schools, without discrimination or segregation, to the end that the Church may be the Church, the place where the will of Christ is regnant.

Diocesan Committee

The Rev. Robert Morris, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, addressed the March meeting and told of the work at the Hospital in a most impressive way—that it is a real missionary opportunity. He said:

"So often people do not look up until they are flat on their backs. Others have never had the time to deliberate upon life until illness overtook them, and then, as one fourteen-year-old boy expressed it: 'I wonder WHY I became ill?'"

This "why" of illness comes to Mr. Morris as he visits through the Hospital and through the answering comes many spiritual blessings. Not only for those who suffer but to those who give of themselves to this work. Spiritual ministering to the needs at the Hospital is as necessary as the medical assistance. During the year 10,000 visits have been made to the patients and 300 bedside communions held. In the visiting Mr. Morris is assisted by students of the Philadelphia Divinity School. So often the patients associate the receiving of the Holy Communion with last rites. Through Mr. Morris' visits he has been able to remove this association and to have it become an experience of great strength and comfort to them in their illness and for all time. The spirit of the Hospital is to have everyone leave feeling not only better physically but spiritually.

Mrs. Thomas Budd, Chairman of the day, expressed to Mr. Morris how deeply all the women felt about this work as he had unfolded it. There are many opportunities for volunteer services at the Hospital. Refer to March issue, CHURCH NEWS, page 17, for list of volunteer service. Help is urgently needed.

Annual Meeting

Once again we remind the women of the Diocese of the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on Monday, May 24th. Corporate Communion in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, at 10 A. M., followed by the morning session in Holy Trinity Parish House. Reports will be based on the premise, "The Strength of the Parishes Is the Strength of the Diocese." Intercessions at 12.30.

Lunch will be served at the Churchwoman's Club at 1 P. M The Club has accommodations for about fifty. Those attending may bring a box lunch providing their own tea and sugar. The Club will be glad to furnish boiling water.

Afternoon session at 2 o'clock, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, speaker; subject, "Will Christians Count in the Peace?" This meeting is open to all and it is expected that many of the clergy will attend. A complete schedule of the program for the day will appear in the May issue of THE CHURCH NEWS. Every parish should be represented.

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Y. P. FELLOWSHIP

On March 6th-7th the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese of Pennsylvania played host to the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Province of Washington. Attending this meeting, which was held at All Hallows, Wyncote, were representatives from the Fellowships of the Dioceses of Erie, Maryland, Washington, Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Theodore Wedel and the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, two of the advisers to the Provincial Fellowship, were also there.

The "new" Rule of Life was discussed at length. The fact that the emphasis is now placed on "an earnest effort . . ." rather than "I will . . ." seemed to those present an effective revision. To further the progress of the Rule of Life each Diocese is to have a counsellor who will serve as the liaison officer between the young people and their rectors. As announced in the March CHURCH NEWS, the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow has been appointed by Bishop Hart to be counsellor in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Thank Offering was also discussed, and it was suggested and approved that when this is presented at the next General Convention the funds be assigned to further the work of the Bishop Rowe Memorial in Alaska.

The item of business that brought forth most discussion was the matter of the advisability of holding the annual Conference in the spring. The general consensus of opinion was that a conference in the usual sense of the word was out, but that every effort should be made to hold some form of a Provincial meeting during the month of June. It was felt that unless contacts are kept alive and general Fellowship problems aired and suggestions made to solve them, the Fellowship as a unit would crumble and then have to be revived from scratch after the war. This is exactly what must *not* be permitted to happen. So to further the work of the Fellowship a meeting of the Province will be held in June at which time official delegates from each Diocese will attend, along with other young people who are interested in the work.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW

The thirteenth memorial window in Christ Church (Old Swede's), Upper Merion, was dedicated at the morning service, Sunday, March 7th.

The window is in memory of Alice B. and Denton Morford and Lilburn Harwood Steel. It is in the Sacristy, on the epistle side of the chancel. The subjects, three in number, depict miracles through faith in the power of Christ. The window was designed and executed by P. H. Balano.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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This year the Juniors gave "Pop Concerts" on Sunday afternoons. At these gatherings, recordings of classical music are played. Taking a "United Nations" theme, they devoted the first program to the music of the famous composers of the United Nations. It was not only a social success but a financial one as well, netting $20.

Plans are going ahead for the Episcopal Center for Service Men at St. Stephen's Church. Juniors are asked to co-operate in any work the War Commission may call upon them to do. Names of any Juniors in the services should be sent to the War Commission Chairman, Miss Nancy Roberts, 37 W. Greenwood Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa.

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We have been endeavoring, in every way possible, to provide the necessary housing facilities but we thought that if it could be arranged to have the pastor of each of your churches make an announcement relative to this matter at the usual services, it might possibly be that there would be in the congregation persons in a position to provide the housing facilities desired.

In the event that such is the case, they could communicate with the Emergency Aid, 1521 Walnut Street, phone Rit. 4427.

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NAVY YARD CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Michael R. Beecker, formerly of the Diocese of Springfield and recently graduated from the Chaplain's Training School at Norfolk, Va., has been appointed to the Chaplain's Staff at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Chaplain Beecker has arranged the following services for men on duty in the Navy Yard, in St. Paul's Chapel, which was recently appointed by our Diocesan Women's Auxiliary:

Sunday, 6.30 A. M.—Holy Communion; 10.00 A. M., Prayer and Sermon. Chaplain Moorman (Methodist), Chaplain Beecker, alternate preachers.

Wednesday, 6.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

Friday, 8.00 P. M.—Litany and Address.

Chaplain Beecker had charge of four missions in Ohio and is a graduate of Nashotah House.

A BROTHER'S LOVE

(Continued from Page 2)

"The day he died, he kissed my face,
As I sat on his bed,
And said to Mother, 'Don't let Hugh
Forget me when I'm dead.

"'My little Hugh! Oh! make him love
Me always. Tell him, dear,
How I loved'—and then he stopped,
For death was very near.

"Yet once again he spoke and said,
'This one thing, too, I crave,
That every year, upon this day,
You bring him to my grave

"'That he may think of me awhile.'
So every year, sir, we
With fresh spring flowers journey to
The Churchyard by the sea.

"We lay the flowers upon the grave,
To make it bright and gay,
And think of him and of his love,
Who died for me today.

"I love to think of him and kneel
Awhile by his graveside—
How could I go a pleasuring
The day my brother died?"

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Ah, how, indeed? Yet year by year,
As comes the one great day
On which our Heavenly Brother died,
To save our souls alway.

When He would have us think of Him,
And kneel at His dear side,
What thousands go a pleasuring,
The day THAT Brother died!

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THE Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, incorporated 58 years ago, is one of the largest agencies caring for homeless, neglected, and destitute children deprived of the care of their own parents. County offices under the direction of local committees have been established in various counties.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

In England

A lively controversy on the subject of Sunday theatres is raging in England. There has been a demand for theatres to be opened on Sunday for the benefit of men and women in the services. Actors seem to be about evenly divided on the matter, and the Archbishop of Canterbury has sent a letter to the *London Times,* saying that Christians should be ready to welcome Sunday shows for the troops, provided no commercial interests are involved. He will oppose any move to have the theatres opened on Sunday if promoters or performers have any commercial interest.

The Book for Lent

The Presiding Bishop's Book for Lent this year is "Which Way Ahead?" by the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Bowie of Union Theological Seminary. Its subject is the Church, which, Dr. Bowie says, is "an anvil which has outworn many hammers."

United Thank Offering

The total amount now in hand for the United Thank Offering to be presented at Cleveland next October, for the present triennium, is $705,300. This is an increase of $117,859 over the total in hand at the same period of the previous triennium.

Presiding Bishop's Fund

People of the Church have given for the relief of distress in all parts of the world, $106,832.77, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, since the Fund was started in October, 1940.

A CORRECTION

In publishing a list of eight parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which were among the largest parishes in the Church, THE CHURCH NEWS, in the March issue, failed to note that St. Mark's, Philadelphia, reporting 1355 Communicants, should have been put down as **St. Mark's, Frankford.** It is number 71 in a list of 202 largest parishes.

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EDITORIAL

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Jesus was never nearer to Mary than at the moment when she thought she had lost Him. Not until He called her by name did she recognize Him whom she had supposed to be the gardener. Her heaviness had endured for a night, but on Easter morning her joy came. Thus for Mary there was evening (and black night), and there was morning, which made one day of perfect joy and peace. God sends His blessings in this fashion still. He is ever leading us toward the morning and He still calls His own by name when we sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. When tears blind our eyes and our hearts are empty because the grave is full, then He comes to us with His presence and His promise.

Easter is the hope of the soul which longs to see beyond the dim shadows of earth. It is the assurance of His Fellowship with us here; it is the pledge of our abiding life beyond the grave. By the power of His resurrection we perceive His transforming and renewing influence on the moral order of the world. His everlasting, all-pervading spirit is in all the earth. The true light shines through the darkness and we humbly follow the gleam.

Easter Day binds all Christendom together, just as the Resurrection was the rallying center for the scattered followers of Jesus. East and West, Roman, Greek, Anglican and all Christian people are united in commemorating the Easter triumph. In the face of our conflicts and controversies, our misunderstandings and suspicions, Easter brings the vision of one Lord and one Faith.

E. C. E.

A LITANY DESK

At Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, the Rev. Theodore J. Schneider, Th.D., Vicar, a Litany Desk and a Register of church services were blessed on Quinquagesima, March 7th. The Litany Desk is a thankoffering given anonymously by a member of the church, and was first used on Ash Wednesday. The Register was presented in memory of Reba Ella (Haines) Landis, a faithful member of the church, who died on February 10th. The girls of her Church School class gave this memorial.

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IN MEMORIAM

Henry McKean Ingersoll (Feb. 5th)

The vestry of the Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, meeting on February 28th, adopted the following memorial minute:

With the passing from our midst of Henry McKean Ingersoll, the Vestry and the community have lost a gentleman of unusual charm, sympathetic understanding and intelligence. Through a period of well over half a century he was a resident of our contiguous Township, Horsham. He became a member of the Vestry on the 3rd day of July, 1895, and continued as such to his death. From the beginning he was a valued adviser to our successive rectors. On April 8th, 1934, he was named Rector's Warden and on December 31, 1939, Honorary Rector's Warden. Of all his interests in the welfare of the Church to which he gave his thoughtful and unselfish attention, his most cherished was that of the music and the choir. For a period of over twenty years he assiduously acted as Choirmaster and as adviser in all matters pertaining to the music of the church. To this task he brought a skilled musicianship, a power of recognizing and inspiring talent, a graciousness of manner, and unselfish devotion to an arduous undertaking which endeared him to those who came under his instruction and guidance. His patient thoughtfulness in connection with the many problems developing during the long term of his service to the Church, his intelligent advice and direction in the solution of those problems, his neighborliness, his kindness, his understanding, marked him as an example to all those who shared his responsibilities. To Church, to rectors, and to parishioners, he gave without stint of his cultivated mind and high character.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service was held in St. Mary's, Ardmore, on Sunday, March 7th, in memory of 2nd Lieut. Peter Mayo Page, U.S.M.C.R., whose death in the Southern Pacific, in the service of his country, on February 14, 1943, was reported in the March issue of THE CHURCH NEWS.

Participating in the service were the former rector, Rev. Louis W. Pitt, D.D., of Grace Church, New York; the Rev. Ernest C. Earp, D.D., S.T.D., of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; Rev. William Colin Lee, Litt.D., Priest in Charge; and Rev. Jack W. Rennie, B.D., Assistant.

A special approved form of service was used, copies of which may be had by those who may wish to plan for similar occasions.

BEQUESTS

Calvary Church, Conshohocken, has received a bequest of $2500 under the will of Miss Margaret McFarland Lukens, for the Endowment Fund of the Parish.

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, will receive $1000 under the will of the late Mrs. Frances E. Markoe, of Lower Gwynedd, who died in Chestnut Hill Hospital February 16th. Three hundred dollars was left in addition for the upkeep of a cemetery plot in St. Thomas' Churchyard.

OBITUARIES

MRS. MABEL MARY HASLAM

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 1st, in Derry, N. H., for Mrs. Mabel Mary Haslam, who died on February 26th, at 370 Latches Lane, Merion, the home of her son, Greville A. G. Haslam, headmaster of Episcopal Academy.

Mrs. Haslam, who was the widow of the Rev. George E. E. Haslam, former rector of the Church of Derry, N. H., was the sister of the late Rt. Rev. Henry Brent, first Bishop of the Philippine Islands and Chief of Chaplains of the A. E. F. during the last war.

Also surviving are two other sons, John Cummings Haslam, of Westfield, N. J., and Dr. Herbert Montfort Haslam, of Antrim, N. H.

MRS. ARTHUR V. MORTON

Services for Mrs. Esther Lloyd Morton, wife of Arthur V. Morton, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Company, were held at 2 P. M. on Saturday, February 27th, at St. Luke and the Epiphany Church. Mrs. Morton died suddenly at her home, 1015 Clinton Street, on the previous Thursday.

She was active in music, civic and horticulture groups, and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Committee of Pennsylvania Hospital, of which her husband is a former President.

She also is survived by her mother, Mrs. Anna Lloyd; a brother, Malcolm Lloyd, and two sisters, Mrs. Nathan Hayward and Mrs. L. Caspar Wister. The burial was in Old St. David's Cemetery, Radnor.

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RECTOR EDITS NEWS

When the editor of the *Media News* was prevented by illness from getting his paper out, the owner telephoned the Reverend William J. Alberts, rector of Christ Church, Media, and asked him to take over the editor's chair. Father Alberts responded to the appeal and went in and set up the paper until the regular editor returned to his desk. Father Alberts was formerly connected with the newspaper and advertising business in New York before entering the ministry.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

(Continued from Page 7)

The Annual Festival Service for the Branches will be held in St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, when the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese will honor the G. F. S. as its preacher.

For Interned Japanese

As announced last month, a part of the National Money Object for 1943 will be used for the benefit of some work among Japanese Christians in the internment camps of the West. It is well to remember that among these people there are G. F. S. members from the several Branches formerly existing along the Pacific Coast. The current issue of "Highlights," the G. F. S. paper, features an appeal for help in the way of recreational and handcraft materials for children in the camps —and quotes Shizuka, a G. F. S. member now in an Arkansas camp, as saying: "When I read 'Highlights,' it was really seeing and reading something familiar, and I wished I could be back again, enjoying all the Girls' Friendly activities. We girls of the G. F. S. are getting along. Life, as rugged and harsh as it is, is a great experience for me. How tolerant I must be! One must be patient and breed tolerance here, for everything cannot be done individually." Brave words!

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